

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7 at line 26 with the following amended paragraph:

(Amended paragraph) As shown in FIGS. 13 and 14, a blade-opening spring 116 is housed in a cavity 118 defined around the blade pivot joint 40 in the hub of the jaw 36. A first end 120 of the spring 116 is held by being engaged in a groove 121 extending away from the cavity 118 into the base 44 of the jaw 36. A main part of the spring 116 extends arcuately about the blade pivot joint 40, and an opposite end 122 extends away from the hub of the jaw 36 toward the front end 54 of the handle 34 and presses against the surface 123 of the hub of the catch body 98, as shown in FIG. 13. ~~As may be seen with reference to FIGS. 8, 13, 14, 17, and 20, the spring 116, including the main part and the two ends 120 and 122, may be located substantially in a single plane.~~ Alternatively, the end 122 might press on an appropriate shoulder or other perch (not shown) on the tang 52. The spring 116 when in place is bent elastically and urges the tang 52 of the blade assembly 38 to pivot away from the base 44 of the jaw 36 about the blade pivot joint 40, thus also urging the handles 32 and 34 apart from each other.